

# West Isley News

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September 2007



World's Biggest Coffee Morning  
in aid of  
Macmillan Cancer Support  
Friday 29 September, 10am - 12pm  
The Malthouse  
Everyone welcome  
Tel: Liz Dray 281688

opportunity to become more familiar with the church and learn about prayer, religious festivals and other topics in a relaxed atmosphere. The services are aimed at all ages from babies to older ones.

The services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. Do come and join us if you have a free half an hour.

### **Mums and Tots Coffee morning (for the very young and their carers)**

This is unlikely to continue in the Autumn term as several of our younger participants will now be attending nursery on a Thursday morning. Should anyone wish to hold an ad hoc coffee morning or to be put in touch with other parents of pre-school children please do contact one of us on the following numbers:

Denise Brown on 01635 281825

Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

### **MISSING CAT**

NEUTERED MALE CALLED "SCRATCH".  
UNUSUAL CREAM COLOURED TABBY, QUITE  
SLENDER. POSSIBLY STILL WEARING  
SILVER COLLAR. PLEASE CHECK YOUR  
SHEDS AND GARAGES. PLEASE CONTACT  
KIM AND ALEX (5 FIR TREE PADDOCK)  
01635 280559

**Abingdon Window Cleaning Services**  
(Window, Gutter & General Cleaners)  
01869 241739

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS  
CHURCH**

### **Afterschool Service**

The dates for the forthcoming services will be as follows:

**Thursday 13 September**

**Thursday 18 October**

**Thursday 15 November**

**Thursday 13 December**

Our Afterschool services are held at 4pm in the church and are very informal with songs to well-known tunes, participation from the children and a simple story to listen to. The children have the

### **DIARY**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

10<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting

29<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning

#### **OCTOBER**

6<sup>th</sup> Harrow Irish Music

7<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival and Lunch

#### **DECEMBER**

1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Drinks Party

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy and "word" file, but most importantly, **please do contribute**. Contact details:

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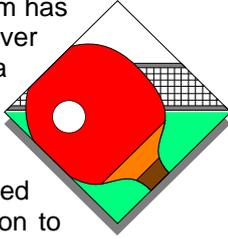
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## WEST ILSLEY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Steve Cobrin

The West Ilsley table tennis team has been playing in the village for over 20 years. This year, it enjoyed a very successful season playing in Division three of the Newbury and District Table Tennis League. The team finished runners up and gained promotion to Division two for the 2007/8 season, which starts in October.



After a late start, due to their first two matches being postponed, the team lost two out of their first four matches but from then on lost only one more match in the rest of the season, winning thirteen matches and drawing two. The team finally finished close runners up to the eventual winners and close rivals over many years, Thatcham L. West Ilsley were just four points behind Thatcham's total of 59 points. The result was in doubt right up to the last few matches of the season, which included a home match against Thatcham L. This match resulted in a draw after a long hard fought struggle, which was exactly the same result when the two teams met in the home match for Thatcham earlier in the season.

The West Ilsley team comprising the regulars Ron Wright, Lionel Sheppard and skipper Deryck Crossley were joined for this season by John Talbot and local man Dave Langton, from Compton. Unfortunately, the club was unable to obtain two or three further league players that would have been necessary to enter two teams in the league. However, since the end of the season in April several league players have shown interest in joining and it now looks certain that West Ilsley will enter A and B teams in the Newbury league next season, to play in the second and third Divisions.

If anyone is interested in playing table tennis in West Ilsley then please contact Deryck Crossley 01235 767717 or Steve Cobrin (at the Old School) 01635 280546

## NOTICE TO ALL DOGS FOUND



Large pile of "evidence" behind the village hall of a big bottomed dog with no scooping partner. Please will you wait until you get home, or take your "staff" with you to clear up after you.

## ON THE MOVE & WELCOME

Steve, Donna and Toren Cobrin (along with Tigger) have moved from 31 Main Street to the Old School. Big thanks everybody who helped us move, and the Carlises for the use of their trolley! [We did the British equivalent of U-Haul!]



Bernie and Lee have now joined us in West Ilsley, taking over at 31 Main Street, please make them feel welcome.

## For Sale

Playmobil Castle

Slide

Various sets of curtains

Tel 281665

## Parish Council Update

PLAY AREA Designs for a play area to be built on one side of the Recreation Ground will be unveiled at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday September 10 at 7pm the Village Hall. Parish councillors voted by four to one in favour of a play area at their last meeting in July after hearing that 34 families in the village had indicated support for the project while a handful had expressed reservations. More than £20,000 has been raised from the Big Lottery Fund, the Winter Warmer and other sources. Councillors decided unanimously to site the play area on the top right-hand side of the Recreation Ground as you look from the Harrow. It was thought that this would be a safer place than an alternative position to the right of the tennis court, where there would have been more risk from cricket balls during matches. The chosen site would also make less difference to the view from the Harrow, councillors felt. The choice of equipment for the play area was delegated to Dries Hagen, Alison Banks and Sean Ryan on the understanding that there would be consultation with those affected, including the Cricket Club, the site's immediate neighbours, the Carlisle family and the Lockinge Estate. Dries Hagen has since held meetings with three providers of play equipment to get a range of ideas and tenders. July's meeting, one of the best attended since the Parish Council was re-formed three years ago, saw a lively debate over the ideas for play area. Some concerns were expressed. One villager warned that a play area would encourage unpleasant territorial behaviour in children. Others

thought it could become a hangout for teenagers who might vandalise the equipment. However most of those present, including several parents who had come along to make their case for a play area, thought it would not only provide fun for the growing number of young children in West Ilsley but could become an asset to the village if properly managed. Some parents said it would save them from having to drive as far away as Wantage for swings. Others argued that it would not be designed to attract teenagers, could be protected from cricket balls by a screen or net and could have a few small trees planted around it to reduce any visual impact. Some councillors pointed out that a formal survey of opinion in 2005 had found a desire for a play area among both parents and children in West Ilsley, and that the Big Lottery Fund had recognised the local need and the suitability of the proposed project by approving an application for funding which was supported by West Berkshire Council. Councillor George Chandler, who represents the area on W Berks Council, praised the initiative but cautioned that other play areas in neighbouring villages had shown that equipment had to be well looked after. The Parish Council agreed to organise maintenance and pay for insurance out of money raised for the play area rather than the parish precept. It will take advice on safety during cricket matches from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. The meeting heard that the Cricket Club would prefer the play area to remain open during matches as many young children come along. In response to suggestions that the number of children in West Ilsley might decline one day to the point where a play area could no longer be justified, Dries Hagen said that if ever it fell into disrepair or disuse, it could be removed. But he said the rising number of children in recent years would keep it in use for the foreseeable future.

#### BARN DANCE

Around £2,600 was raised for the West Ilsley Trust by the Barn Dance earlier this summer. Applications have been approved for £500 to go to the Church for insurance, £250 to the Village Hall for fireworks on Bonfire Night, £250 to the Cricket Club for the maintenance of equipment used to look after the Recreation Ground and ditch, and £50 to the Tennis Management Committee for five children's racquets. An application for £250 towards improving the state of Church Way was held over until more details were available.

#### CHURCH WAY

Church Way is in a worse state than at any time since residents can remember, with ever deeper potholes. Ian Fewtrell-Smith and Sean Ryan are to seek estimates for improvements to the surface of the road in the hope that if home owners,

landlords and Sovereign Housing are willing to put up a small amount of money, extra funds can be found from outside to start putting things right.

SEAN RYAN, Chairman

**Next Parish Council Meeting:**  
7pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
Matt Taylor from The Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Services is coming to speak at about 8pm with regard to fire safety in West Ilsley.

**FOR SALE**  
**Girls bike**  
**Suitable for 3-6year old**  
**Good condition. £20**  
**Please call Sue on 281354**

### Events at The Harrow

Live Irish Music on Saturday 6th October at 9pm at The Harrow. Food will be served before 9pm. Book a table to avoid disappointment.

A big thank-you to everyone that came to Hayley's Hat Party / Birthday party on Saturday 25th August at The Harrow!! It was a brilliant evening and enjoyed by everyone, thanks again!!

#### WEST ILSLEY FETE 2007

Thanks to your generosity the Fete Committee was able to donate to the following groups;

All Saints church	£200
Ilsleys primary school	£200
Compton Brownies	£50
Toddlers	£50
WICC	£200
Evergreens	£200
W.I Relief Fund	£100

Thank you to the villagers of West Ilsley for your continued support of the fete.

Sue Simmons - on behalf of the Fete Committee.

**MAKE YOUR VIEWS HEARD**

**PCT LAUNCHES PUBLIC  
CONSULTATION ON FUTURE OF  
HEALTH SERVICES**

Berkshire West Primary Care Trust (PCT) has launched a consultation of its draft Commissioning Strategy which is running from 7<sup>th</sup> August to the end of September. This strategy details how the PCT plans to buy healthcare services over the next three years.

PCTs work with their local population to improve health and well-being. They do this by commissioning (or buying) and providing a comprehensive and equitable range of high quality, responsive and efficient services within the budget allocated to us.

Berkshire West Primary Care Trust covers the West Berkshire, Reading and Wokingham areas and is part of the South Central NHS Strategic Health Authority.

In drawing up our commissioning strategy the PCT sought the views of the public through an engagement programme called 'Your Care, Your Voice, Your Views.' We used the valuable feedback from patients and their families received via our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) and from the complaints we have received over the past year. We also undertook a detailed assessment of local health needs which has helped us focus on what our local priorities should be.

The above helped the PCT identify a number of commissioning priorities which we believe require specific action. Our plan is to address gaps in service and ensure we are giving patients the right treatment in the right place at the right time.

**Now we need your help to tell us if we have got it right.**

An Executive Summary of the draft strategy and an online feedback form is available on the PCT's website

[www.berkshirewest-pct.nhs.uk](http://www.berkshirewest-pct.nhs.uk)

alternatively for hard copies please call Heidi Druce on 0118 982 2916 or email [public.consultation@berkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:public.consultation@berkshire.nhs.uk).

**We look forward to hearing from you.**



**WEST ILSLEY TENNIS COURT**

£2 per hour per adult

£1 per hour for children under 16

To book please call 281344

EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September we shall be leaving by coach from outside West Ilsley church at 9 am



for an outing to Worcester. Members £7, non-members £10. Names to J Collier 281283.

**Domestic Electrical Installation**

"Bright sparks" are all well and good on Bonfire night but when it comes all electrical work, installation/inspection/ testing/fault finding and certification. Insist on a local electrician who is, "Building regulation Part P Compliant". And P.A.T., full Portable Appliance Testing @ 110/240 VAC.

Contact Keith Pentecost

Tel: 01635-281389 (East Ilsley)

Mobile: 07985-797333

**SOUTH CENTRAL AMBULANCE  
SERVICE NHS TRUST**

**Community Responders**

Every two minutes, some one in the UK suffers a heart attack. It is thought that every three minutes, a patient will die as a result. Community responders are people who volunteer to save lives in their community. There is good evidence that if people are trained to help someone while the ambulance is on the way then more lives are saved.

Royal Berkshire ambulance service provide specific training over 2 evenings and a day, to give people training and skills including resuscitation, giving oxygen and using an automatic defibrillator which delivers a shock to patients whose heart has stopped, but it needs to be delivered quickly.

We have schemes set up in West Berkshire where people volunteer a few hours of their week in order to respond, in their own car, at normal speed to life threatening calls in their area, to provide help until the ambulance arrives.

It is a challenging role, but rewarding, there is no need for previous knowledge or training. We have funding to set up a scheme in your area, and are looking for volunteers. If you are over 18, are reasonably fit and are able to drive, and would like more information then call our 24hr number or email us at the address below. **0800 5870 207** [Communityresponderberks@rbat.nhs.uk](mailto:Communityresponderberks@rbat.nhs.uk)

It has taken you a minute to read this, in the time it takes to throw this away, someone, some where will have suffered a heart attack.

Could you save a life?

*Editor's note: when I received this ad, plus some other notes and articles about this, it appeared that the scheme is geared towards larger communities than ours, however, the Ambulance Service are keen to make the scheme work for all sorts of communities, and given some volunteers, we could probably make*

it work for us in West Ilsley. I have a list of frequently asked questions and will happily copy it for anyone who would like to know more, but the main one I was worried about was:

**“What if I use the AED when it's not needed, can I get it wrong and make the situation worse?”**

No. The Automated function on the Defibrillator will talk you through the process. It will tell you verbally whether or not to deliver the shock. If it says 'no shock' then it will not deliver one even if you press the button. So you can only do good.”

On this basis, I might be up for taking it further, however, I'm not sure I'm brave enough to do so on my own. If anyone else feels like me and would like a “buddy” for moral support, please give me a ring or email me – if we can get something going we might be able to make a difference to someone. Andrea Cook.

## Pashmina Sale

Lovely colours, special prices  
Tel Jill 281665

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH Will Axtell

Services for September:

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Communion and Sunday Club	10.00am
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	8.00am
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	No service	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	No service	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pet Service	4pm

#### **Pet Service**

There is a special children's “pet service” on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm. All creatures great and small are encouraged!

#### **Review of Service Pattern**

There is a meeting at Beedon Village Hall at 7.30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the service pattern in the benefice. Please do turn up if you have views as to whether things should continue in a similar vein or whether you think change is needed. Alternatively do let a member of the PCC know your thoughts on this.

#### **Harvest Festival**

This will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 11am followed by the usual Harvest Festival lunch in the village hall.

### MASSAGE THERAPIST IN COMPTON MASSAGE THERAPY TO REDUCE STRESS AND AID RELAXATION



MASSAGE TREATMENTS TARGETED  
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**FULL BODY - 1 HR**  
**NECK, BACK AND SHOULDERS - 30 MINS**  
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Dianne Beechey  
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### Full Suspension Adult Mountain Bike

New owner needed. Frame Size  
19. Good condition.

Yours for a donation of £25 to the  
West Ilsley Trust.

Tel. Will Axtell 01635 281 306  
**WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB**

#### Fixtures for September

##### 1st XI SATURDAY

01	September	1.30pm	Britwell Salome	Away
08	September	1.30pm	Oxford Rescue	Home
15	September	1.30pm	West Witney	Home

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> XI SATURDAY

01	September	1.30pm	Marcham 2ndXI	Home
08	September	1.30pm	Twyford 2ndXI	Away
15	September	1.30pm	Shrivenham 2ndXI	Away

##### SUNDAY

2ndXI	Cup	Final		
02	September	2.00pm	Hamstead Norreys	Home
09	September	1.30pm	Northants Health Service	Home